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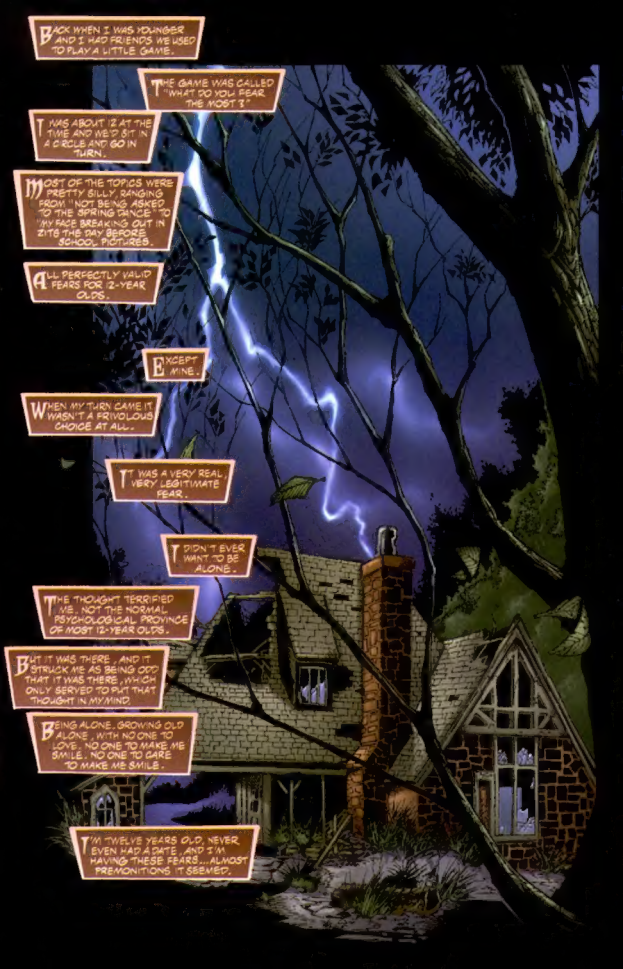
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BACK WHEN I WAS YOUNGER
AND I HAD FRIENDS WE USED
TO PLAY A LITTLE GAME.

THE GAME WAS CALLED
"WHAT DO YOU FEAR
THE MOST?"

I WAS ABOUT 12 AT THE
TIME AND WE'D SIT IN
A CIRCLE AND GO IN
TURN.

MOST OF THE TOPICS WERE
PRETTY SILLY, RANGING
FROM "NOT BEING ASKED
TO THE SPRING DANCE" TO
"MY FACE BREAKING OUT IN
ZITS THE DAY BEFORE
SCHOOL PICTURES."

ALL PERFECTLY VALID
FEARS FOR 12-YEAR
OLDS.

EXCEPT
MINE.

WHEN MY TURN CAME IT
WASN'T A FRIVOLOUS
CHOICE AT ALL.

IT WAS A VERY REAL,
VERY LEGITIMATE
FEAR.

I DIDN'T EVER
WANT TO BE
ALONE.

THE THOUGHT TERRIFIED
ME, NOT THE NORMAL
PSYCHOLOGICAL PROVINCE
OF MOST 12-YEAR OLDS.

BUT IT WAS THERE, AND IT
STRUCK ME AS BEING ODD
THAT IT WAS THERE, WHICH
ONLY SERVED TO PUT THAT
THOUGHT IN MY MIND.

BEING ALONE, GROWING OLD
ALONE, WITH NO ONE TO
LOVE, NO ONE TO MAKE ME
SMILE, NO ONE TO CARE
TO MAKE ME SMILE.

I'M TWELVE YEARS OLD, NEVER
EVEN HAD A DATE, AND I'M
HAVING THESE FEARS...ALMOST
PREMONITIONS, IT SEEMED.

I NO HERE I AM
AND GUESS WHAT?

I COULDN'T BE
MORE ALONE.

HAVING THE ABILITY TO
TRANSFORM INTO ANY
CREATURE, EVEN MY
NIGHTMARES, ISN'T VERY
CONDUCTIVE TO MAKING
FRIENDS, OR BOYFRIENDS.

AH, PERRY, YOU WERE A KEEPER.
YOUR JACKET WAS BEEN LYING
IN THAT CORNER FOR ABOUT AS
LONG AS I'VE BEEN SNAPPED BY
THIS CRUMBING OLD HOUSE.

NOT A WHOLE LOT OF
PLACES TO GO FOR
A WANTED WOMAN.

WANTED FOR MURDER
AND BURNING DOWN
HALF THE TOWN OF
SALEM.

THAT LAST ONE WAS
AN ACCIDENT,
THOUGH.

PERRY DID THE ONLY
LOGICAL THING HE
COULD THINK OF.

I NO WITH ALL THE AUTHORITIES
IN YOUR ADVANCING FEET
THERE WASN'T A WHOLE LOT
OF TIME TO THINK OF ANYTHING.

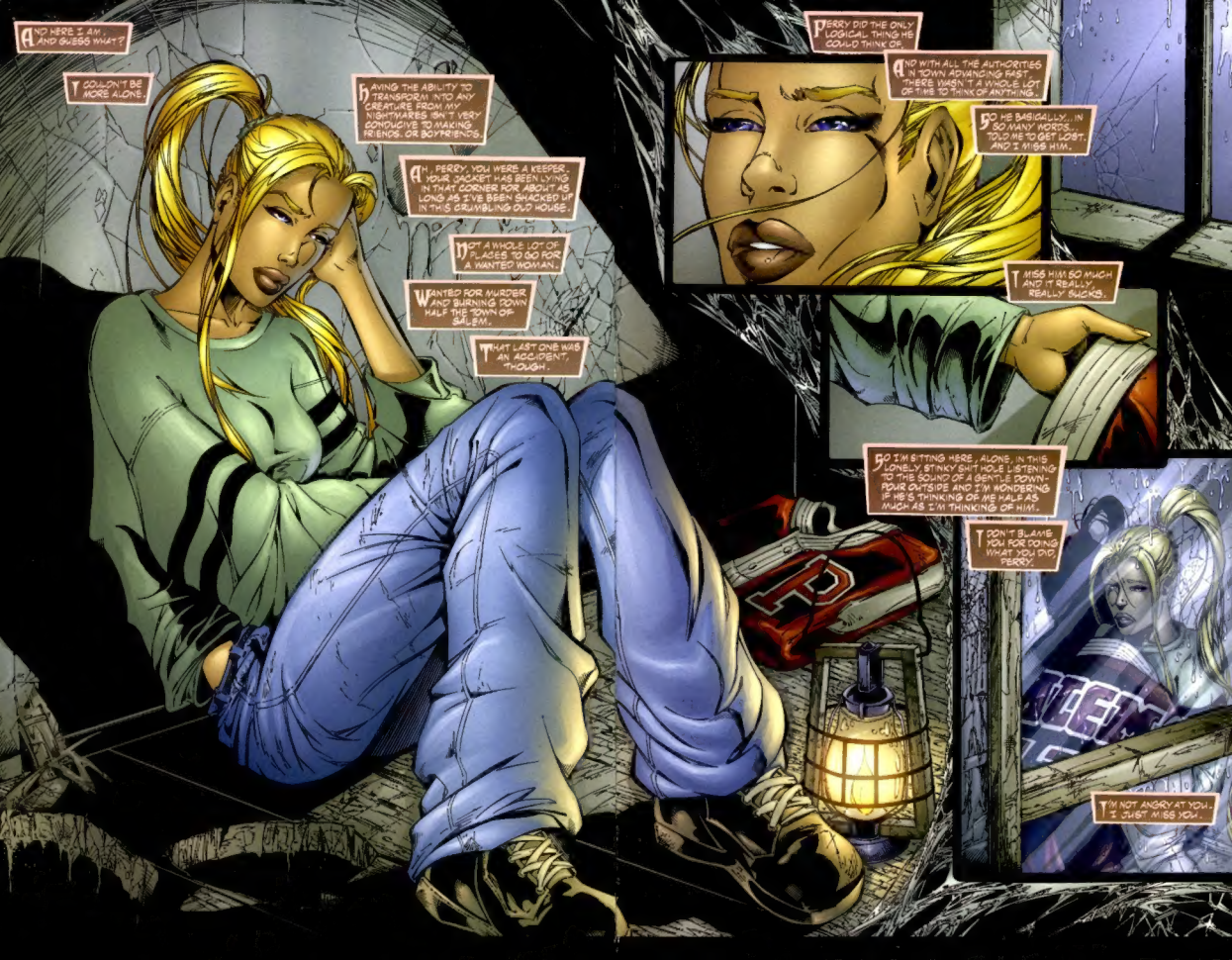
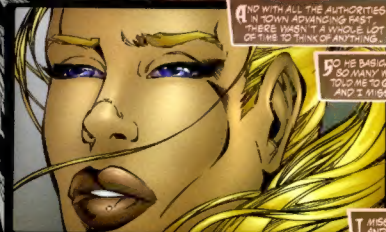
SO HE BASICALLY, IN
SO MANY WORDS,
TOLD ME TO GET LOST.
AND I MISS HIM.

I MISS HIM SO MUCH
AND IT REALLY
REALLY SUCKS.

SO I'M SITTING HERE, ALONE, IN THIS
LOVELY STINKY HOLE LISTENING
TO THE SOUND OF A BENTLE DOWN-
POUR OUTSIDE AND I'M WONDERING
IF HE'S THINKING OF ME HALF AS
MUCH AS I'M THINKING OF HIM.

I DON'T BLAME
YOU FOR DOING
WHAT YOU DID,
PERRY.

I'M NOT ANGRY AT YOU.
I JUST MISS YOU.





DID YOU AT LEAST
MANAGE TO
GET THE RIGHT
SIZE THIS
TIME?

YES.

AND
YOU DID GET
IT FROM THE
GIRLS SECTION
THIS TIME?

YES.

DID
YOU GET
THE CAKE?

K-MART
DOESN'T
SELL
CAKES.

WELL THAT'S
BRILLIANT, BONEHEAD!
IT'S NOT A BIRTHDAY
PARTY WITHOUT A CAKE!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO FORGET
THE CAKE--I SAID, "WBR,
MAKE DEMN SURE WHEN WE'RE
WALKING THROUGH THE WOODS
AFTER OUR ROBBERY SPREES
AND I LOOK AT YOU AND
SAY, 'DID YOU GET THE
CAKE', MAKE DEMN SURE THE
ANSWER IS, 'YES, PESOE, I
GOT THE CAKE,' SO WHEN
I ASK YOU, WHAT DO
YOU SAY?

K-MART
DOESN'T
SELL
CAKES.

I DON'T
GIVE A RAT'S ASS
IF K-MART SELLS
CAKES? GO SOME-
WHERE ELSE! IT'S
ABRIEL'S BIRTHDAY AND
SHE'S GOING TO GET
A GOODBIRTH CAKE IF
I HAVE TO BAKE
IT MYSELF.

SHUT UP.
I GOT THE
CAKE EARLIER.
WAKE YOU WERE
SLEEPING
CANDLES, ZOO.

HEY,
MAN, YOU'RE
ALL RIGHT!



HONEY !!



I SAID,
'OH, HONEY!!'
WE'RE HOME!



and
we come
bearing
gifts!

all the
latest fashions,
my pretty one,
and muscles were
actually remembered
to pilage and
plunder the girls
section this
time.



WHAT'S
ALL THIS?
**MORE
CLOTHES?!!**

that's
right, girl.
we got it wrong
the first time,
but now it's
all goop.



so if you
felt so inclined...
you could, you
know...

--SERIP
RIGHT OUT OF
THE "HOME BOY"
GEAR AND EASE
YOURSELF RIGHT
INTO SOMETHING.
SHALL WE
BABY...

...a
little
more
you.



OH AND DID I MENTION MY
ONLY TWO FRIENDS IN THE
WORLD RIGHT NOW ARE
MONSTERS WHO'VE ESCAPED
FROM OUR NIGHTMARES?

I DIDN'T?

IMPORTANT
FACT TO
REMEMBER.





AND
YOU EVEN
GOT MY
SIZE!



AND
WHILE WE KNEW
IT MIGHT NOT BE A
GOOD IDEA TO DISRUPT
YOUR 'MY LIFE SUCKS,
I JUST WANT TO BE
OVERLOOKED AND
ALONE IN THIS MUSTY,
COLD, ABANDONED
HOUSE' BROODING
SESSION...



...WE BOTH
AGREED THAT
WAS NO WAY FOR A
YOUNG LADY TO
SPEND HER 18th
BIRTHDAY!

I MEAN,
YOU ONLY
GET
ONE!



MY...
BIRTHDAY. I'D
FORGOTTEN.



WELL, WE
DIDN'T.

WAR, NOW
MIGHT BE A GOOD
TIME TO BRING
OUT THE "YOU
KNOW WHAT."

WHAT?



THE
UM... YOU
KNOW.

NO
UM... WAR
DOESN'T.

THE
DAMN THING
WE WERE JUST
DISCUSSING
ON THE WAY HERE
FIVE MINUTES
AGO!

OH! YOU
MEAN THE
CAKE!



YES.
WAR, THE
SURPRISE.

THE
SURPRISE
YOU JUST
RUINED.

OH,
SORRY.

SO
ANYWAY,
WE GOT
YOU THIS
CAKE.

THAT'S
REALLY VERY
SWEET OF
YOU GUYS.

YEAH,
CERTAINLY NOT
THE NORMAL TYPE
OF BEHAVIOR ONE
WOULD EVER
ASSOCIATE WITH
NIGHTMARE
CREATURES.
I KNOW.

WAR?

YES?



SO GET THE GODDAMN THING FIXED!

YES.

SORRY, TOUGH TO HIT GOOD HELP THESE DAYS.

I UNDERSTAND.

IF HERE WE GO, WE'LL MAYBE THIS WILL SOFTEN THE BLOW.

GREAT JOB WITH THE SPELLING, BIG GUY.

THANK YOU.

OKAY, SO DISCOUNTING THE FACT THAT YOU STILL CAN'T DRINK OR GET INTO STEEL BARS... YOU'RE BASICALLY AN ADULT NOW. CONGRATULATIONS, KID.

SO HOW DO YOU FEEL, OLD WOMAN?

WOW, EIGHTEEN, I REMEMBER REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT... TO BEING ABLE TO MOVE OUT.

YOU HAVE.

THIS ISN'T QUITE WHAT I HAD IN MIND.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ATEAL

GUYS...



YOU
REALLY
SHOULDN'T
HAVE...



...BUT
I GUESS I'M
KINDA GLAD
YOU DID.
I'M, UH...



...JUST
A LITTLE
SHORT ON
FRIENDS
THESE
DAYS.



HEY NOW!
DON'T YOU SCARE
THAT? AND IN
CASE YOU HAVEN'T
NOTICED,
SWEETIE...



...WE DON'T
EXACTLY FIT IN
AT THE LOCAL "MOM
AND POP" BAR-B-Q!
WE'RE A LITTLE
STRAPPED FOR
GOOD COMPANY
OURSELVES!



YEAH I
SUPPOSE YOU
ARE NEVER STOPPED
TO LOOK AT IT THAT
WAY I GUESS YOU
GUYS ARE MORE
OF AN OUTCAST
THAN I AM. I
THAT'S EVEN
ROSS BLE



AND IT'D BE SAFE
TO SAY WE WOULDN'T
LOOK AS L.P. AS GOOD
IN THAT LITTLE
LESTER NUMBER
YOU'RE PULLING OFF
SO GRACEFULLY.

SO BEFORE YOU GO ALL
FEEL N SORRY FOR YOUR-
SELF I SUGGEST YOU
WRE BASH THAT DEAR
AND BLOW OUT THOSE
RAGIN' CANDLES BEFORE
FLAMING B.L.L. HERE BURN
DOWN YOUR DRY-ROTTED
"DERMITE MOTEL"

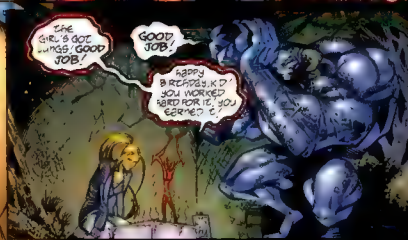


AND
DON'T FORGET
TO MAKE A
WISH!

THE
GIRL'S GOT
JUNGS! GOOD
JOB!

GOOD
JOB!

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY, KID
YOU WORKED
HARD FOR IT, YOU
EARNED IT!



YOU
WASB YB
A SF FOR
SEXY?

I
CAN'T TE--
YOU THAT
PECE--

CAUSE
THEN.

THEN
I WOULDN'T
COME TRUE.

NOT THAT IT WOULD.
ANYWAY, WE ARE
AFTER ALL, TALKING
ABOUT THE WANTS,
DESIRES AND RE-
QUESTS OF ONE
REAL CHILD.

REQUESTS THAT HAVE
HERETOFORE BEEN
IGNORED BY THE
"KARMA POLICE"

WOULDN'T GET
ARRESTED
IF I TRIED

BUT IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT I WISHED FOR, WELL, THAT'S AN EASY ONE.

PEACE.

PEACE AND HAPPINESS. SIMPLE THINGS... SIMPLE THINGS A MILLION EIGHTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL ASKED FOR AROUND THE COUNTRY.

KIDS.

DINNER AND A MOVIE ON A PERSIMMON.

SMILE.

AND AS I LOOK AT THEM, WAR AND PICE, CREATURES OF NIGHTMARE, GOD BLESS THEM THEY'RE AS OUT OF PLACE AS I AM. PICE WAS RIGHT, THEY'RE TRYING, BEST THEY CAN, JUST TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE DAY UNTIL SOME SORT OF

THEY'D NEVER ADMIT IT... TOO BUSY TRYING TO BE A PILLAR OF STRENGTH FOR ME... BUT THEY'RE NOT AS FRIGHTENED.

AND AS I LOOK AT THEM... I'D WISH FOR NOTHING MORE THAN FOR THEM TO BE GONE, FOR PERCY'S DAD TO BE ALIVE, FOR MY HOME TO STILL BE STANDING AND NOT BURIED TO THE GROUND, FOR MY FATHER TO STILL BE AROUND, AND ACTUALLY BE A GOOD AND DECENT FATHER FOR MY MOTHER.

HAPPY

...MY MOTHER...

PECE?

YES, MRSERESS?

YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT ME, RIGHT? I MEAN, YOU SEEM TO

AND YOUR POINTE IS...?

WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT MY MOTHER?





OH NO
YOU HAD TO
TAKE US THERE.
DIDN'T YOU
SLASH ME?

I MEAN
HERE WE ARE, A COUPLE
MONSTERS AND OUR COVER
GIRL. NIGHTMARE ON CK
OUTCAST, ALL TRYING TO
HAVE A GOOD TIME, GET
THROUGH THIS AND HAVE A
FEW SIGNS. GOD FORBID
AND YOU HAD TO TAKE
US THERE!

I MEAN
HERE WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP
THINGS - GAT AND
BRIE - AND YOU
HAVE TO GO ALL
SULLEN ON ME
DON'T YOU?

PEEE

I MEAN
IT'S NOT EVEN
MY BIRTHDAY, AND
I CAN TELL YOU WHAT
I WANT. I WANT
WHAT MY
WISH IS... I MEAN
BESIDES TO GET
THE HELL OUT
OF HERE.

PEEE
JUST ANSWER
THE
QUESTION.

IS
WANDA
KNOW WHAT
MY WISH
IS?

I JUST
WANDA SEE
YOU SMILE,
KID!

I WANT
YOU TO UNPLUG
FROM YOUR MISERABLE
LITTLE EXISTENCE
FOR TWO DAMN SECONDS
AND HIT ME WITH
THOSE PEARLIES...
YOU CAN DO THAT,
CAN'T YOU?!

I MEAN
YOU THAT,
DARLING.

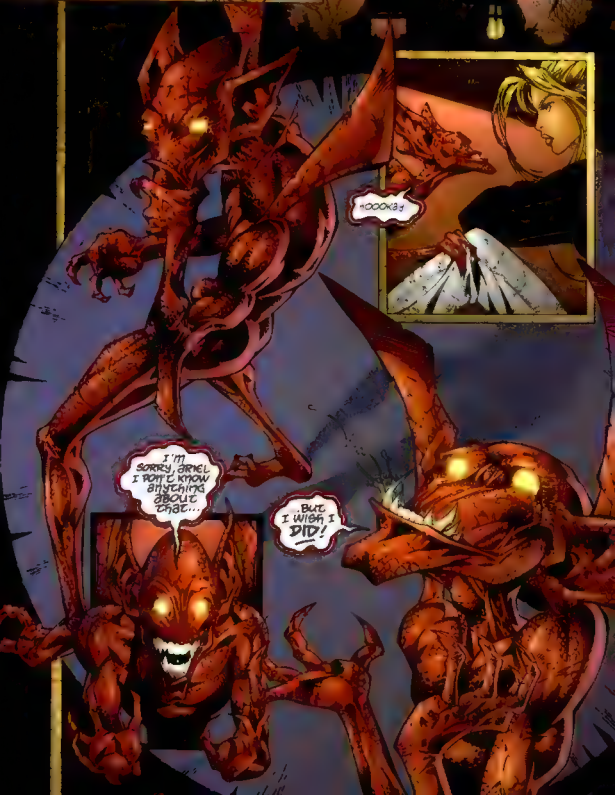




WHAT I'D
LIKE, PEECE
S FOR YOU TO
ANSWER THE
QUESTION

ARST MAKES
YOU EVEN THINK I
KNOW ANYTH'G
ABOUT HER MOM?
HUP? CAN YOU
ANSWER ME THAT,
MS. KNOWITALL?
CAN YA?

BECAUSE
IF YOU DIDN'T
THERE'D BE NO
NEED FOR THE
PROTEST.. YOU'D
JUST SIMPLY SAY,
I'M SORRY,
ARIEL.. I DON'T
KNOW ANYTHING
ABOUT THAT..
WISH I DID..



"OOOOG33"

I'M
SORRY, ARIEL
I DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT
THAT...

BUT
I WISH I
DID!



OUR GAT
SO I SEE
YOU'RE NOT
AMUSED!

YOU'RE
WH

YOU'RE
NOT GONNA LET
ME SLIDE OUT
OF THIS ONE
ARE YOU KID?

I HAVE
A RIGHT TO
KNOW, PEECE
AND I DON'T
EXACTLY HAVE PEOPLE
LINED UP OUTSIDE
MY DOOR READY
TO VOLUNTEER
INFORMATION



SPEAK

IF YOU
DID HAVE PEOPLE
LINED UP OUTSIDE
YOUR DOOR, THEY'D
GET AWFUL WEET
RIGHT ABOUT NOW
AH AH AH



hookay,
so I'm not
as funny as
you thought
I was



WHAT
THE I DO
KNOW ABOUT YOUR
MOTHER AMANDA
I'M REALLY NOT
SURE IT'S MY
PLACE TO SAY

I'M
REALLY NOT
SURE AT
ALL

IS HER
BIRTHDAY

WELL

YES

NOBODY
ASKED
YOU



YOUR MOTHER... KE MOST OF US HAVE OR WILL BE SOME POET

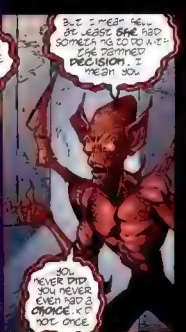


MADE A HORRIBLE HORRIBLE CHOICE. A CHOICE. MADE UNDER DRE CIRCUMSTANCES A CHOICE MADE NOT KNOWING AT THE TIME THE FAR-RESCUING REIFICATIONS THAT WOULD NOT ONLY AFFECT HERSELF



BUT ALSO HER DAUGHTER.

A CHOICE THAT WOULD PROVE IT ME TO FAULT YOU BOTH.



BUT I MEAN WELL AT LEAST SHE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE DAMNED DECISION. I MEAN YOU

YOU NEVER DID YOU NEVER EVEN HAD A CHOICE. XD NOT ONCE



PIECE. WHAT ARE YOU? YOU'RE TALKING IN RIDDLES JUST LIKE THAT DAMNED DRAGON. SPEAK ENGLISH!

I AM



LAYMAN'S TERMS: I PRETEND I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE HELL YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT AND YOU'D BE RIGHT!



I DON'T EVEN WANT TO TALK ABOUT THIS ANYMORE IT'S NOT MY PLACE



HEY, LET GO OF ME. GODDAMNIT!

NAKE T YOUR PLACE, PIECE!



WHAT DO YOU WANT
ME TO SAY, BRIEL? THAT
YOUR MOTHER WAS AN IDIOT?
AND THAT SHE WAS SO DRUGGED
UP SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT SHE
HUU... SHE WAS GAMBLING WITH?
THAT SHE'S SO GODDAMN SCARED
THAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHEN
THE DEVIL HIMSELF IS ASKING
FOR FAVORS? AND THAT SHE
BASICALLY FORFEITED BOTH
OF YOUR LIVES? S' THAT
WHAT YOU WANT ME
TO SAY?

BECAUSE
I... DAY
IT!

S' THAT
WHAT YOU WANT
TO HEAR
GOLD LOCKS?
JUST TELL
ME!

AND
DON'T
EVER
GRAB ME

I HOPE
YOU'RE HAPPY! I KNOW,
WE ROBBED A LOT OF
STORES TO MAKE
THIS A SPECIAL DAY FOR
YOU! AND YOU HAVE
TO GET ALL PERSONAL
ON US!

I CAN'T GIVE
YOU THE ANSWERS
YOU WANT, BRIEL!
NO MORE THAN I
CAN CHANGE THE
PRESENT CIRCUM-
STANCES. HOURS
OR DAYS! I MEAN
I'M NOT HAPPY

DO I LOOK
HAPPY? BUT THAT
DOESN'T MATTER,
YOU SEE, BECAUSE
I'M WILLING TO PUT
MY OWN PERSONAL
CONCERNS ASIDE.

TO GIVE
YOU MY
UNDIVIDED
ATTENTION!
WHY??

BECAUSE
THAT'S THE
KIND OF MAN
I AM!



BACK OFF!

SPLAT

ALRIGHT!
YOU GOT ME!
THAT WAS A
GOOD ONE,
TOO!

GOOD
JOB, MAN!
WAY TO
BREAK THE
MOOD!

THINGS
WERE GETTING
A LITTLE TOO
SERIOUS. THIS
SUPPOSED TO
BE A PARTY.

THIS
SUPPOSED
TO BE
PUN!

Y'KNOW,
WHEN HE'S
RIGHT, HE'S
RIGHT,
KID.

Y'KNOW,
BRIEL, WE'RE
ON YOUR SIDE
IN THIS THING. WE
REALLY ARE. AND I KNOW
YOU MIGHT NOT THINK IT'S
FAIR TO TRY AND KEEP
SECRETS FROM YOU, BUT
SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD
JUST FIND OUT, AND
DISCOVER ON YOUR
OWN.

NOT
BY ME.

SO INSTEAD OF
ME BEING CRYPTIC, AND
NOT REALLY TELLING YOU
WHAT YOU NEED, OR WANT
TO KNOW, WHY DON'T WE
JUST GET AWAY FROM
SPECULATION, AND
STICK WITH THINGS
WE'RE SURE OF...

... THINGS
WE'RE BOTH
SURE OF.

THAT'S
JUST THE PROBLEM,
PIECE. THERE ISN'T
VERY MUCH I AM **SURE**
OF... ABOUT MY
MOTHER OR ANYTHING
ELSE, FOR THAT
MATTER...

I JUST REALLY
WISH I HAD SOMETHING
"ROCK SOLID" THAT I COULD
CLING TO... SOMETHING I
COULD TRUST THAT WOULD
NEVER EVER LEAVE MY
SIDE... SOME SORT OF...
CONFIRMATION THAT
EVERYTHING WOULD
BE OKAY.

EVERYONE
WANTS THAT, KID.
EVERYONE DOES. AND
SOME OF 'EM ARE LUCKY
ENOUGH TO ACTUALLY
HAVE IT... THAT'LL BE
YOU, ONE DAY. JUST
YOU WAIT.

YOU JUST
CAN'T GIVE UP
ON HOPIN'
IT'LL BE
THERE.

IT'S
FUNNY,
I...

...I
REMEMBER
ONCE MY MOTHER
WAS **REALLY, REALLY**
SICK AND SHE WAS
IN THE HOSPITAL...
EVERYONE THOUGHT
SHE WAS GOING TO
PULL THROUGH...
AND I RE-
MEMBER...

...I
REMEMBER
FALLING ASLEEP
WITH MY HEAD ON HER
LAP IN THAT HOSPITAL BED,
AND SHE WOULD RUN HER
FINGERS THROUGH MY
HAIR AS I SLEPT. I
REALLY FELT SAFE
WITH HER.

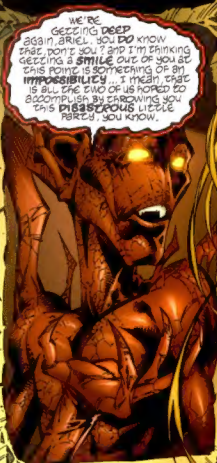
VERY FAR
INDEED.

IT'S FUNNY...
ONE OF THE **VERY**
LAST THINGS I REMEMBER
HER SAYING TO ME WAS
THAT, NO MATTER WHAT
HAPPENED TO HER, SHE
WOULD **ALWAYS** BE
THERE TO WATCH OVER
ME...

I KNEW
SHE WAS REALLY
BAD SICK, BUT I STILL
FELT SAFE AND
COMFORTED WITH
HER JUST BEING
THERE.

I FELT
LIKE **NOTHING**
IN THE WORLD
COULD GET TO ME,
OR HARM ME...
AND ALL OF THE
EVILS OF THE
WORLD SEEMED
VERY FAR AWAY.

...AND
TO GUIDE MY
SHIP SAFELY INTO
PORT, SHOULD
I EVER LOSE
MY WAY.



WE'RE
GETTING DEEP
AGAIN, BRIEL. YOU DO KNOW
THAT, DON'T YOU? AND I'M THINKING
GETTING A **SMILE** OUT OF YOU AT
THIS POINT IS SOMETHING OF AN
IMPOSSIBILITY... I MEAN, THAT
IS ALL THE TWO OF US HOPED TO
ACCOMPLISH BY THROWING YOU
THIS **DISASTROUS** LITTLE
PARTY, YOU KNOW.

SMILE
THROUGH THE
TEARS, YOU MEAN?
HAHA! WAR
AND BONK YOU
PRETTY GOOD
WITH THAT
CAKE!

YEAH, AND
DON'T THINK I'M
NOT GONNA BE
GETTIN' **EVEN** EITHER.
LITTLE LADY, LISTEN...
IT IS TOUGH TO
SMILE THROUGH THE
PAIN, BUT SOME-
TIMES YOU
GOT TO.

YOU
JUST GOT
TO.

I
KNOW,
PIECE.

IT'S JUST
HARD SOME-
TIMES.

IT IS HARD,
BUT YOU DO IT. WE
ALL DO IT. AND AS
FOR AS YOUR MOTHER'S
PROMISE TO ALWAYS
WATCH OVER YOU...



...AND I'M
NOT EVEN REAL
SURE HOW I
KNOW THIS, BUT
SOMEHOW, BRIEL,
SOMEHOW...



"...I have a feeling she
made good on that."